GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4126
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CONSTRUCTION OF BAFFLE RANGE AT JAWAHAR NAGAR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Field Firing Station of Army near Jawahar Nagar, Hyderabad is causing lot of inconvenience to the people living in the area and there is every likelyhood causing harm to civilian population;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in construction of baffle range as agreed to; and

(c) the steps taken to construct baffle range to provide safety to the civilians?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Lake Line Rifle Ranges near Jawahar Nagar at Shamipet covering an area of approximately 1100 acres of land, the only firing range available in the station since 1964 for training personnel in uniform, has slowly been surrounded by increased population by Hyderabad city.

Government of Andhra Pradesh has been approached for an alternative site for the range. As soon as an alternative site is indicated and given, the question of shifting of the present firing range in Shamipet will be examined.